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## Javits Reassures Captive Nations



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Onlookers view flag-raising ceremony at 769 First Avenue

Senator Jacob K. Javits advised the people of nations under Soviet domination yesterday to place their hope of ultimate freedom in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In a rain-drenched outdoor ceremony on First Avenue, the New York Republican said the nearness of NATO should be a "constant comfort." The event was sponsored by the Assembly of Captive European Nations.

It marked Captive Nations Week, proclaimed by President Eisenhower to remind Americans of the plight of peoples held captive by "imperialistic and aggressive Soviet communism."

Only 100 persons beneath dripping umbrellas watched the raising of the flags of nine nations—Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Rumania—the members of the Captive Assembly. The flags and a poster were erected at 769 First Avenue, overlooking United Nations headquarters.

Senator Javits declared that 100,000,000 persons in Central and Southeastern Europe were under Soviet domination, and that they were the crux of European

could never be a settled peace in Europe so long as the Continent was only half free.

The ceremony was also attended by city and state officials and Msgr. Vincent G. Raitt, who represented Cardinal Spellman.